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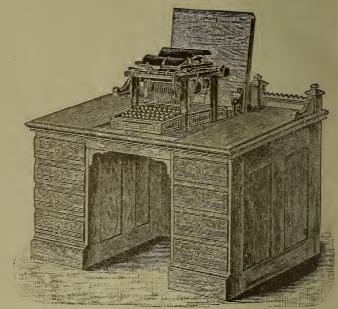
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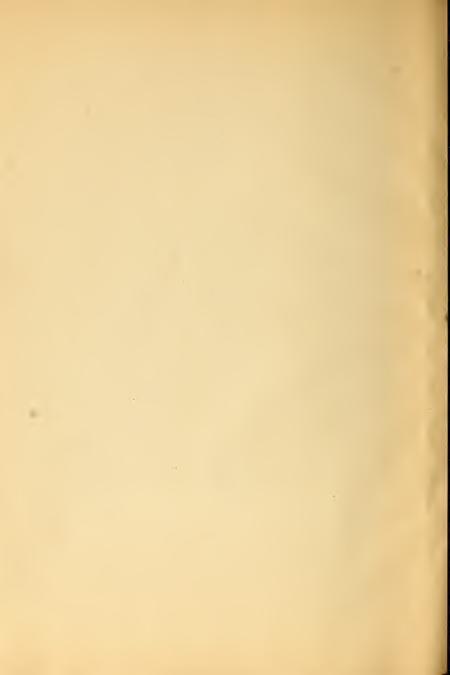
PREFACE.

The phrases contained in this book have been taken from a large number of note-books extending over a period of about five years. It has been my endeavor throughout to select those of most frequent occurrence, and to also include a few odd phrases, showing the advantage to be gained by the practice of omitting words, hooks, etc., in order to secure a desirable phrase, also in contracting frequent occurring phrases and words, and still retain legibility. Some of the phrases, on account of their very frequent occurrence, will be found contracted to a considerable extent. These I have used in my practice for a number of years, and whoever may feel inclined to adopt them will find them of great advantage in taking notes from very rapid dictators. Although some of the phrases may not come within the general practice of every amenuensis, I think if they are thoroughly studied and the frequent occurring ones memorized, they will lead to a good understanding of proper phrase-writing, especially in commercial matter.

The stenographic portion of this work is a fac-simile, consequently the characters are more or less imperfect, including the examples of letters which are given here just as they appear in the average note-book after having been dictated and which are not contracted to any great extent.

THE AUTHOR.

MILWAUKEE, April, 1887.

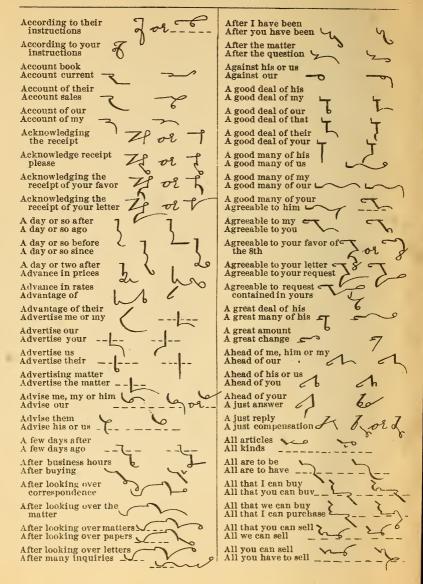


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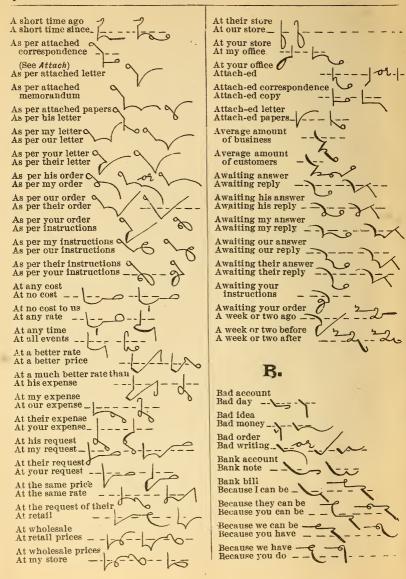
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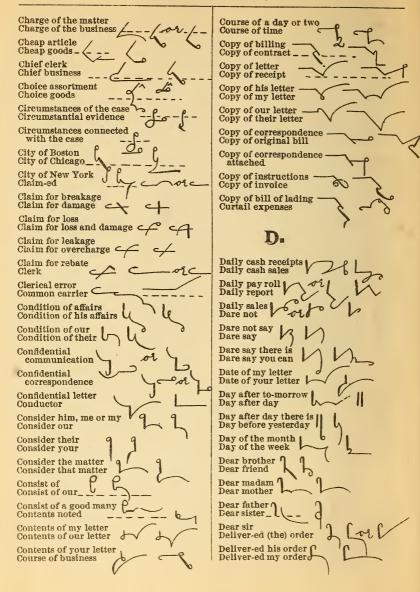
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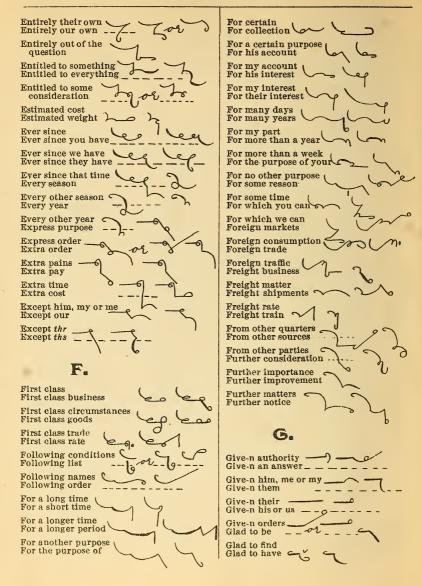
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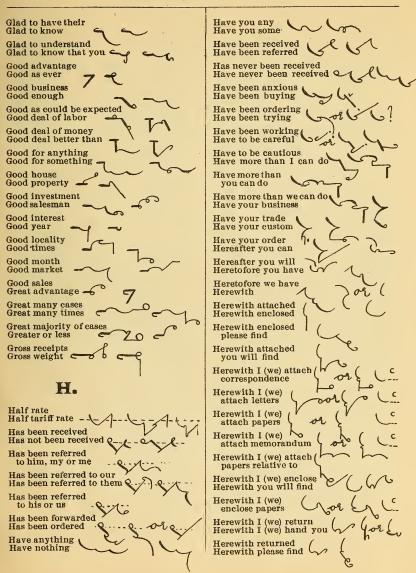
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I am glad to know I am pleased to know
I am pleased to learn I am pleased to hear
I am in receipt of correspondence
I am in receipt of papers I am in receipt of letters
I am in receipt of your letter
I am in receipt of your favor
I am in receipt of their letter
I am informed that I am inclined
I am pleased to acknowledge
I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of your
I am perfectly willing I am perfectly satisfied
I am requested I am requested to say
I am requested to ask you I am sorry to say
I am sorry to inform you I am very anxious
I am very sorry thr I am very thankful
I am very much pleased I attach herewith
I attach herewith letter I attach herewith papers
I attach herewith correspondence
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I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor
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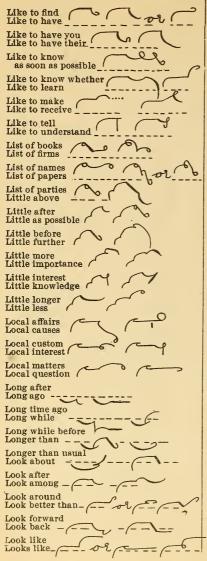






In reply would state \ It is their intention It is my intention In every respect In every other respect. It is our intention In some respects It occurs to me In this respect It occurs to us It occurred to me In some other respects Inter-State Commerce It occurred to us Inter-State Commerce Bill It seems to me It seems to me you have Commerce Law Loo It seems rather It should be Inter-State It should not be Commerce Commission It will be In transit It will not be In transit rate It accounts It would be It would not be It agrees It also It always It always is It always was It always will be Just about Just about as good as It amounts It answers Just after It answers the purpose Just another It appears Just as fast as It appears to me Just as fast as possible It appears to us It applies Just as good as Just as long as It applies to that Just as long as there is It applies to ths Just as much as It balances Just as well as It became Just as well as another It became necessary Just before It becomes Just after that It becomes necessary Just received your It begins communication It began Just received your letter o It began to be It being Just received It behooves correspondence It could be Just received. your instructions of It could not be Just received your order It claims Just returned home It claims to be Just returned from to Just say so It comes from Just taken It connects It corresponds Just in time Just decided It frequently happens Just came It is not to be

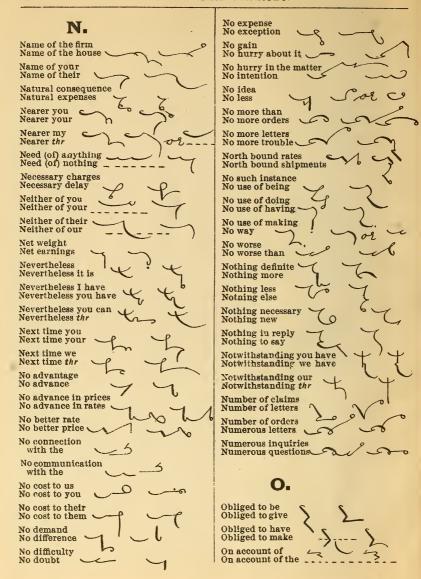


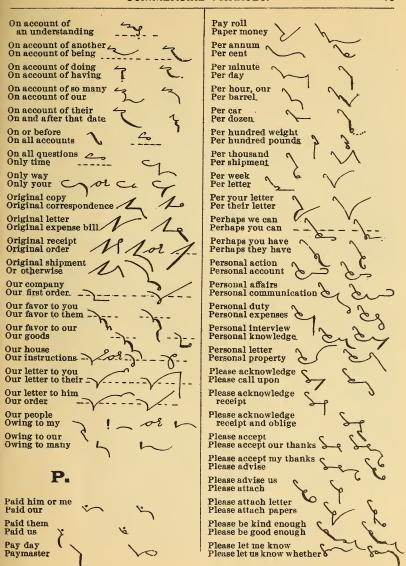


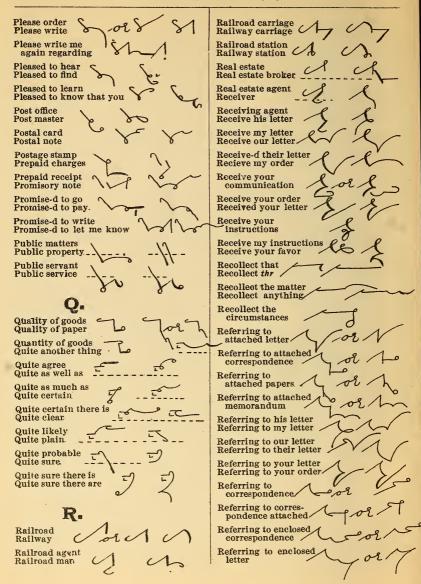
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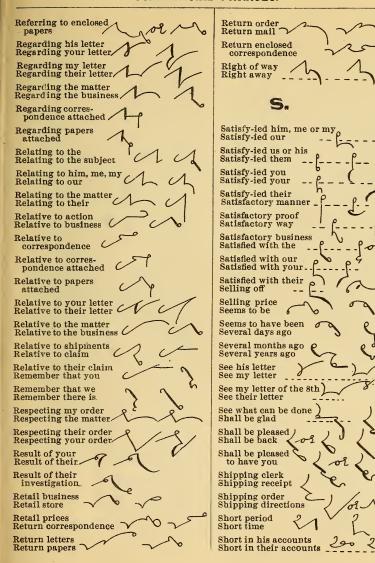
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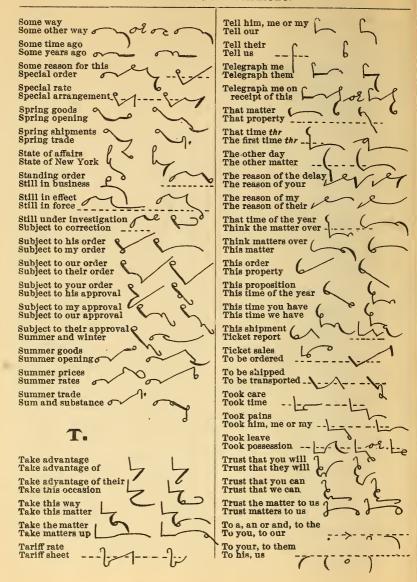
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More or less More than we can	Must be worth Must be wrong
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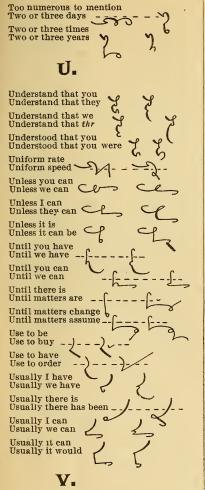










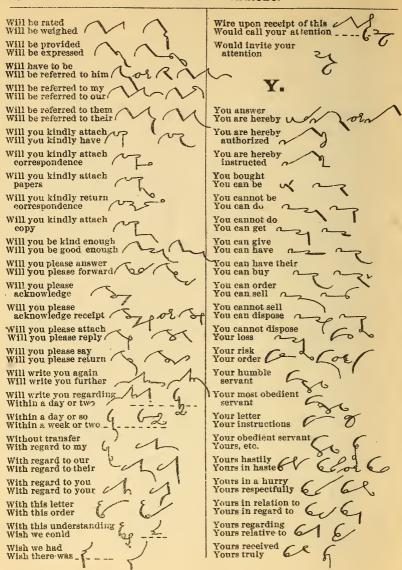


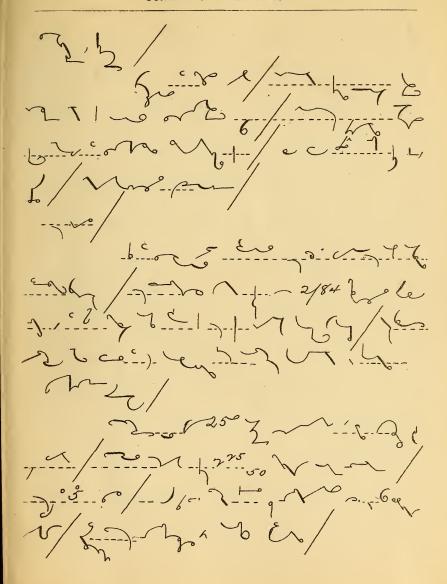
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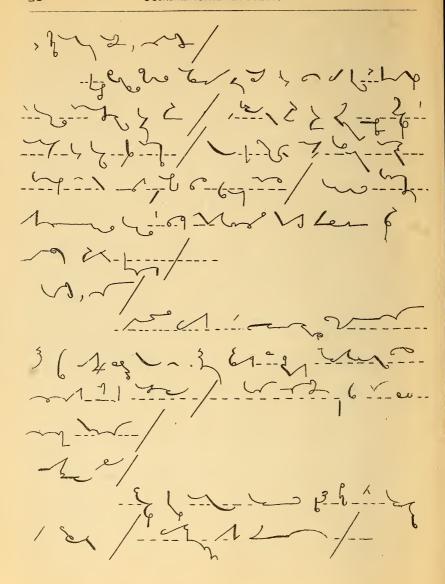
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We are anxious to have you	We beg to reply We beg to say
We are always We are aware	We can arrange We can adjust
We are aware that you can We are better situated	We can arrange the matter satisfactorily
We are buying We are compelled	We can arrange matters satisfactorily
We are convinced We are constantly	We can buy We cannot buy
We are doing a good business	We can name you We can order
We are going to have We are going to buy	We can sell We cannot sell
We are having V. or o'.	We can ship you We cannot ship you
We are in receipt of of of the weather waiting	We can quote you We cannot quote you
We are in receipt of your favor	We do not think you can We do not think they can
We are in receipt of your letter	We do not understand We did not understand
We are in receipt of your order	We enclose-d correspondence
We are in receipt of your instructions	We enclose-d copy We enclose-d letter
We are in communication with the	We enclose correspondence herewith
We are pleased We are very much pleased	We enclose-d order We enclose-d papers
We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt	We find upon investigation We gave instructions
of your favor	We gave orders We have an order
We are perfectly willing We are perfectly satisfied	We have an order from you We have given instruction
We are very anxious We are very desirous	We have given orders We have been shipping
We are thankful We are very thankful	We have been ordering We have been receiving
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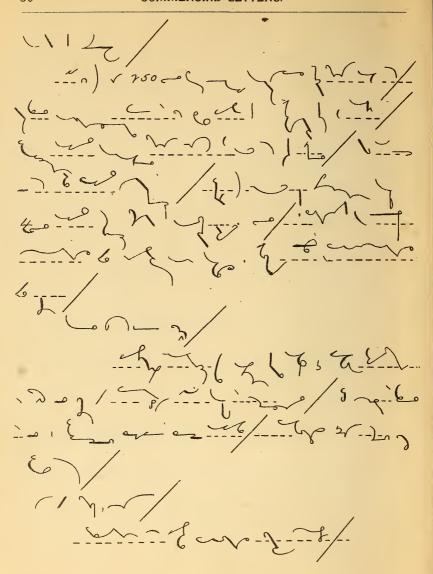




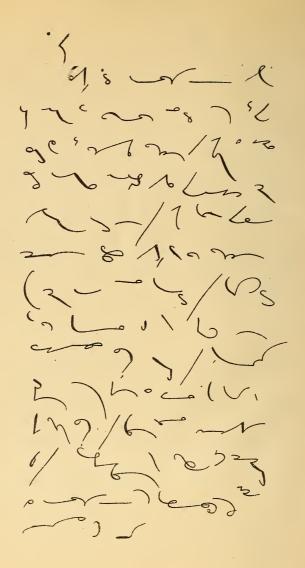




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KEY TO LETTERS.

KEY TO PAGE 27.

Smith, Brown & Co., Detroit, Mich.

Your favor of the 8th inst. with price list received. I am unable at present to go to New York for the selection of my stock and believe it unnecessary, as I am willing to leave the selection to yourselves. I enclose order to which you will please give your earliest attention and forward with as little delay as possible as per shipping directions attached. Send only choice goods and draw at pleasure, deducting the usual discounts. I beg to refer you to Messrs. Allen, King & Co.

To Our Patrons:

It is with some feelings of regret that we announce to our friends the relinquishing of our interest in this business with the expiration of this present month. Our stock and premises will be at that time, May 2d, 1884, transferred to Messrs. Johnson & Brown, whom we cheerfully present to your notice and feel it our duty to recommend them for a continuation of your confidence. Both of these young men are from the North and have been clerks with us for several years past, and are in every way efficient and capable to continue the business.

Walter Doolittle & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Franklin handed us your letter of the 25th inst., in which you ask the market report on apples, also expenses attending them, to which we reply: Greenings are worth at from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per barrel, hand-picked and carefully packed. Our commission is 5 per cent. on sales. The usual charges of carting from boat or cars to store and labor hire in store, amounting to about 6 cents per bbl., are additional. We shall be pleased to hear from you further, and will try to make satisfactory sales should you intrust us with your shipments.

KEY TO PAGE 28.

To the Directors of the Never-Pay Insurance Co., Omaha, Neb.

At the instance of several persons of consideration and influence in this quarter who are anxious for the more general adoption of the admirable system of fire insurance, I am induced to make application for the agency of your company. Should I have the honor to be appoined agent for your company I shall be prepared to give satisfactory security either in this city or in

New York, for the faithful discharge of my duties. Being attached to the profession of law and enjoying the office of Notary Public, I am led to believe that my interest might be exerted to the advantage of the institution as well as those of the community and of myself. For any information that you may desire regarding my character and fitness for the office I solicit, I beg to refer you to Messrs. Burton, Johnson & Co., of your city, and request the favor of your reply at an early date.

F. L. Brown, Milwaukee.

Referring to the enclosed correspondence relative to the rate on agricultural implements from Chicago to Milwaukee, I would say that there is a rate of 4 cents per hundred pounds being made, and I would say further that this rate is a straight billing rate, and if we are to have any of the business we must make same rate and treat it in the same manner. If you will kindly authorize me to do this I will send you memorandum of contract by return mail.

Goodrich & Wagner, Racine.

We have this day deposited in the bank for collection 3 days' sight draft on you for 1,000 dollars, which please honor, and oblige. We are waiting to hear from you regarding the Chicago matter.

KEY TO PAGE 29.

Gay, Flower & Co., Sheboygan, Wis.

Yours of the 11th inst. is received. We believe you can make a satisfactory selection from our stock and would like you to examine it if you can find it convenient to do so. If not, we shall endeavor to fill any order with which you may favor us. We shall require bank draft on New York for the amount of the order, or good references.

Watson Gregg & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

I have recently leased a store in this place, which I am at present fitting up and stocking with a fine selection of fancy groceries, wines and liquors. Please oblige me with your price list and best terms.

Rosenkrans & Co., St. Louis, Mo.

We beg to call your attention to an error in your last invoice by which we are charged \$140.50 more than the invoice actually amounts to. Please correct same and oblige.

F. L. Brown, Milwaukee.

Referring to attached correspondence, relative to shipments of groceries to Nemeyer & Day, Oshkosh, and in reply to your letter of the 4th, would say that N. D. Johnson & Co., who ship to this party, have a grievance against our road on account of one of their men wanting a pass for his daughter to Chicago last spring and since our refusal to give this pass he has done everything in his power against us. Under the circumstances it would be very difficult for us to influence any of this business in our favor.

KEY TO PAGE 30.

F. B. Eddy Chicago, Ill.

I wired you yesterday to let 250 cars of flour come forward for both lake lines and it would be promptly unloaded here. Both of these companies now promise to keep us clear of freight as fast as we receive it, and I think they will be able to do so without any doubt. We have plenty of room in the warehouses for unloading cars promptly, and I will see that none are delayed on tracks. Before any can get here all that is in our warehouses will be taken out. We had a boat yesterday and another one to-day, which will make room for at least 400 cars in the warehouses, so that you can see there will be no trouble about relieving cars. The St. Paul road have given orders to their Minneapolis agents to receive flour now for these lines, and I think you had better give instructions to Winona and Minneapolis agents to do the same.

Fox, Wheeler & Co., Fort Howard.

We are in receipt of your favor of the 7th, and in reply would say that there is no such firm doing business in this city, but would call your attention to the fact that we are prepared to furnish the goods you desire, which we keep constantly on hand for the accommodation of our customers. We do not make a specialty of this class of goods, but we think we can give you as good an article as you can get anywhere else. We enclose herewith price list, and would kindly ask you to favor us with your next order.

L. J. Porter Milwaukee.

Please ship me immediately on receipt of this 100 barrels of No. 1 Manistee salt.

KEY TO PAGE 31.

James Cook, Superintendent, Hurley, Wis.

We have sold 35,000 tons of ore for next season's shipment—25,000 tons to be shipped by lake and 10,000 tons to be shipped by rail. We expect to

commence the all-rail shipments about the 15th of February and continue during the year. If there is any way to push the work up there different from what you are doing, please advise us. It will be necessary to work the men for all they are worth in order to be sure about getting out the amount of ore contracted for. Of course if we do not succeed in getting out the amount contracted for it will be no loss to us. We will simply have to carry the contracts over for another year, which we would not like to do. I hope that you will have no trouble in mining a much larger quantity than the above. Do you think you will be ready for the rail shipments by the 15th, without hindrance to the work already laid out? Let us know as soon as you can.

Gentlemen: It is with deepest regret we inform you that on balancing our books on the 1st inst. we found so great a deficiency, resulting from engagements which we had entered into with the firm of Landauer & Green, who became insolvent last month, that we were induced to submit our affairs to the inspection of our principal creditors. These gentlemen have, after a thorough investigation, consented to appoint assignees for the liquidation of our outstanding debts, the sale of our property and the due distribution of the proceeds among our creditors in proportion to their respective claims on our estate. We hope that you will not object to this arrangement, but will immediately furnish the assignees, Messrs. Babcock & Co., and Foster & Son, with an abstract of your account current, for the purpose of having it compared with our books in order that the correct balance may be ascertained.

KEY TO FAC-SIMILE ON PAGE 32.

E. J. S.

Yours regarding the complaints of the Hanford Oil Co., received. I have had an interview with Mr. Hanford, and his complaints are that the agent has not been supplied with the freight rates from Lindwerm, which I think probably is on account of his inexperience in the business and not understanding the rates, which any new man would be liable to have happen him. I think if Mr. Johnson would give him full instructions regarding the billing of freight from Lindwerm that there would be no cause for complaint. They also complain that freight conductors do not pay attention to him when he requests switching to be done.—If they are a little behind time or their time is close, they fail to do the proper switching. This matter, of course, you can readily adjust. Please take this matter up personally and see what can be done, as the Hanford Oil Co. are first-class friends of ours, and I would not like to lose their good will.

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